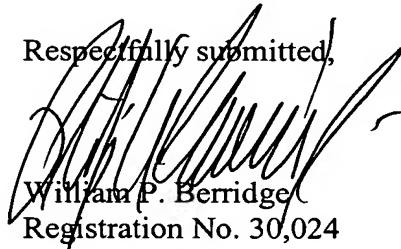


REMARKS

Claims 1 - 18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3 - 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 - 18 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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